

BAD AS THE THIRD WARD

Commercial Street Property Owners Are Making Trouble For the City Fathers.

MR. BELLAND ON PETITIONS

Says They Are Uncertain and Calculated at Times to Go Astray—Duane Street to Be Improved.

The council is having as much trouble with the improvement of Commercial street between Fourteenth and Seventeenth as it usually has with improvements affecting the troublesome Third ward. Two weeks ago it was supposed the contention over the manner in which the improvement should be made was settled, but last night a petition was sent in by property owners requesting the council to so alter the ordinance as to make no provision for new sidewalks. The petitioners said the old sidewalks were good enough. Councilman Lebeck couldn't see matters in this light. He stated that the walk was in dangerous condition, and he believed the council should not run the risk of accident and suits for damages. Mr. Nordstrom suggested that the city require the petitioners to execute a bond in the sum of \$5000 to guarantee the city against loss through damage suits, the bond to hold good for five years. Finally the petition was referred to the street committee for immediate report. The committee reported a short time later, recommending that the petition be filed.

"Of course, I am not disposed, as a rule, to go against the wishes of a large number of property owners, such as have signed this petition," said Mr. Belland, "but I shall vote for the adoption of the committee's report. Petitioners are rather uncertain as portraying sentiment. Why, were one to circulate a petition to send Billy Welch to Salem, he could get lots of people to sign it!"

Thus far the plans and specifications for the improvement have not been prepared by City Engineer Tee, so the council last night adjourned until Friday night, at which time an ordinance providing for the manner in which the improvement shall be made will be passed. Councilman Morton said before adjournment last evening that Manager Coolidge of the A. E. Co. has stated he would discontinue car service on Commercial street between Fourteenth and Seventeenth if the street were not improved before regatta week. He would not risk the lives of heavy loads of passengers.

Another Dangerous Street.

Street Superintendent Kearney called attention to the dangerous condition of Exchange street between Seventeenth and Eighteenth. He said the thoroughfare was liable to collapse at any time and urged some action looking to its improvement. Mr. Hansen thought the street ought to be fenced off if the property owners refused to petition for its improvement, and Mr. Burns thought that would be an excellent way to bring them to time. The street superintendent, said Mr. Kaboth, ought to take up some of the planking so as to make the street utterly impassable, but Mr. Kearney wanted a bodyguard if he had to resort to this extreme. He was instructed to fence off the street, although other fences erected in that part of the city have been torn down.

Will Repair Duane Street.

An ordinance providing for the time and manner of improving Duane street from Fourteenth to Seventeenth was passed last night. The repair must be completed by January 1. This improvement is an important one, but has been held up for some weeks by dis-

satisfied property owners. An ordinance providing for the time and manner of improving Third street from Commercial to Duane was also passed, as was an ordinance confirming the assessment for the improvement of Exchange street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth.

The improvement of Fifteenth street between Exchange and Irving avenue was accepted by ordinance, but the improvement of Exchange between Fourteenth and Seventeenth will not be accepted until the next meeting.

Ordinances to pay C. G. Palmberg \$5836.20 and \$120.80 for the improvement of Exchange from Fourteenth to Seventeenth and to pay John O. McGuire \$1211.25 for the Fifteenth street sidewalks went over.

Resolutions were adopted as follows: Awarding contracts for six street improvements; directing an assessment to pay for the Fifteenth street sidewalks; providing for the construction of a sewer on Franklin avenue between Twelfth and Fourteenth streets; providing for the improvement of Grand avenue from the Shively line to Seventeenth street.

Minor Matters Acted Upon.

Petitions for liquor licenses were received from Jeffrey & Co. and John Stephenson.

The petition for a street light at Eleventh street and Grand avenue was referred to the street committee.

The communication from H. F. Prael, offering to sell the city an engine house site, was filed.

The ways and means committee recommended that no action be taken on the request of the city treasurer for permission to transfer \$15,000 from the city hall fund to the general fund.

The auditor's books were ordered expedited for the first six months of the year.

The street superintendent's recommendation that repairs be made to the McClure drain was filed. The street committee will investigate the matter, which involves improvement of Harrison avenue.

DEATH LIST IS TWENTY.

One Victim Identified as Democratic National Elector.

Litchfield, Ill., July 5.—One of the victims of the Wabash wreck has been identified as Patrick Keefe, one of the wealthiest merchants of Kentland, Ind. He was a democratic national elector and was on his way to the St. Louis convention.

L. E. Sheppard, cashier of a bank at Humes, Ill., died today, and several more of the injured cannot live. This makes the total dead 20. Three of the dead are still unidentified.

RAINS HELP THE CROPS.

Outlook in Oregon and Washington Is Much More Favorable.

Washington, July 5.—The weather bureau's weekly summary says that highly favorable temperatures prevailed in the Pacific coast district. Rain is much needed on the north Pacific coast. The winter wheat harvest has been begun in Oregon and will soon be begun in Washington.

Spring wheat reports indicate improvement over the previous week in Washington, but in Oregon the crop heading is short and light yields are expected. The general outlook for oats is promising.

LYNCHING FEST LIKELY.

Armed Men Pursue Negroes Who Assaulted New Jersey Woman.

Burlington, N. J., July 5.—Hundreds of armed men are pursuing negroes who criminally assaulted Mrs. Essie Biddle at her home today. Two suspects were brought to the Burlington jail late today and a large crowd threatened to lynch them, but they were taken into the building safely. Both men declare their innocence.

STATE CENSUS TO BE TAKEN.

People of Oregon Will Be Enumerated by County Assessors. Oregon's population will be definitely

ascertained next year. Although the next federal census will not be taken until 1910, the state laws of Oregon provide for a decennial census, to be taken midway between the government's enumerations. The next state census, therefore, will be compiled in 1905.

It is made the duty of the county assessors throughout the state to take the census in their respective counties, the work commencing May 10. Each assessor is required to ascertain the number of legal voters in his county, the number of males who are of age, the number under 10 years of age and the number between 10 and 21. He must also ascertain the number of females who are of age the number under 10 and the number between 10 and 18.

It is also the assessor's duty to gather full information as to the agricultural products of the county, the number of acres under cultivation, the quantity of salmon taken during the preceding year and other statistics of commercial and industrial value. When the census has been completed, it must be copied by the county clerk and then transmitted to the secretary of state.

A large number of deputies will be required if the taking of the census is to be done with thoroughness, and the expense will be heavy. The results, however, are expected to be of more than usual value next year.

Gold Output in Yukon.

The annual report of the department of the interior of the Dominion of Canada for 1903 gives the following concerning the production of gold in the Yukon territory: The gold production for the year ended June 30, 1903, amounted to \$12,113,015.34, as compared with \$9,566,340.52 in the previous year. The value of gold produced there last year was greater than in any other year, the next best having been in 1899-1900, when the production amounted to \$8,809,464.64. The large output of last year is attributed to an unusually rainy season, owing to the fact that a large amount of the pay dirt is removed by hydraulic methods. It is stated that there are about 3,500 acres of land in the Yukon territory under cultivation, on which all kinds of vegetables are grown. Oats have also ripened and strawberries were successfully cultivated.

WHO HAS HEARD OF THIS?

Story of Alleged Daring Venture of Two Portland Boys.

The following Portland dispatch to the San Francisco Call, dated July 1, will doubtless be read with interest in Portland and Astoria, as the information had not previously leaked out:

In a 25-foot single sticker two Portland schoolboys have started on a voyage for Honolulu by way of San Francisco. Late this evening they arrived at Astoria and tomorrow early will see them on the sea.

Glen D. Cayler and Harry Kinney are the youths who will attempt a feat never yet undertaken in so frail a craft. Glen is the captain and promoter of the scheme, while his chum, Harry, is the crew, though he is the owner of the craft in which the voyage is to be made. The captain's father is a prominent wholesale commission man, and the boy has stocked the yacht with all necessities from money he has earned himself. The boys moored the little craft beneath the Jefferson street bridge on June 23, and hand-over-hand lowered their small stock of supplies with the aid of ropes. The loading took most of the day. Next morning the lads induced the owners of a launch to give them a lift to the mouth of the Willamette. When last seen they were sailing down the Columbia on Monday morning. At that time everything was going nicely.

Twice since the departure of the little craft, which is named The Portland, Mr. Cayler has received letters from his son. One of these communications, from St. Helens, was made at that town on the 25th. It contained about 25 words and said everything was "O. K."

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History Repeats Itself.

Boston had just finished celebrating another anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill.

"What were the casualties?" asked the reporter.

"Thus far," said the chief of police, "the number of persons injured by toy pistols, firecrackers and other explosives foots up 304."

"Ha!" exclaims the reporter, eagerly jotting it down. "Don't count any more! That's the exact number of soldiers that were wounded in the original battle!"—Chicago Tribune.

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Arlington, Jas. B. Mr.
Ascheim, John
Black, Nellie Miss
Clarke, W. S. Mr.
Cole, Mary F. Mrs.
Erickson, Margaret Miss
Fordham, E. Mr.
Fosters, Fred Mr.
Geobegan, Tom Mr.
Gram, C. H.
Hartman, W. G. Mr.
Hill, W. W.
Hillister, Geo. Mr.
Holley, William Mr.
Jacobson, Andrew Mr.
Kangas, Annette
Martin, W. E. Mr.
Pangham, S. E. Mrs.
O'Reilly, E. Geo.
Simmons and Flippin.
Skaams, Ole Mr.
Soderlund, B. M.
Stream, W.
Stockton, Minnie Miss
Sunderlund, Lewis Mr.
Tasachin, George
Thayer, O.
Underwood, Elias M.
T. V. L. A. of B.
Vland, Frank
Wilson, J.
Wold, E.
Young, I. J. Mr.
Olsen, Magdaline

Foreign Letters.

Goleson, George Mr.
Hansen, Johanna
Javhola, Johan Herr
Rynsyrre, Auguste Mr.
Kliminski, Lizzie
Linza, Plojja Sig.
Maccalle, Giovanni Signor
Schollar, Percy G. Mr.

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Things That Went Wrong.

A peddler called at a north side dwelling the other morning.

A hard-featured, cross-eyed servant girl came to the door.

"Is the mistress of the house at home?" asked the peddler.

"I will see," said the servant, politely. "Will you come in?"

No Pity Shown.

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